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Designating the week beginning September 11, 1988, as "National Outpatient Ambulatory Surgery Week".

Whereas outpatient surgery currently accounts for one-third of all surgical procedures performed in the United States;

Whereas the use of outpatient surgery has reduced hospital costs while improving the quality of health care;

Whereas Americans are increasingly choosing outpatient surgery over traditional inpatient surgery because it is more convenient, less time consuming, and requires less of a change of lifestyle of patients and their families; and

Whereas the number of outpatient surgical procedures performed in the United States is expected to increase from over 6 million in 1985 to over 11 million in 1995: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the week beginning September 11, 1988, is designated as "National Outpatient Ambulatory Surgery Week". The President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe that week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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